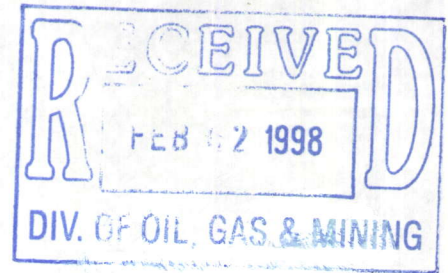


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Re: Amendment to Small Mining Operation  
Tom Taylor Gilsonite Mine  
S/047/065 (UT08300  
Uintah Co., Utah


Dear Tony:

In reply to your letter dated December 19, 1997,, please be advised that the total acreage which will be disturbed under the proposed Amendment to realign the ore haulage road as requested in that Amendment is 0.97 acres.

We are presently awaiting approval for thir road work by the Bureau of Land Management.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
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